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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	METHOD FOR THE SPLICING OF DIGITAL SIGNALS BEFORE TRANSMISSION, SPLICER AND RESULTING SIGNAL

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 21 pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☒ Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119
- ☐ Certified copy of
- ☐ An assignment conveying title in instant application to THALES, with PTO Form 1595.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and Reference(s)
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